

Harris County

EARLY CHILDHOOD IMPACT FUND

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS | IMPLEMENTATION

mission + goals

Harris County seeks proposals from **public, private, and nonprofit entities** interested in receiving funding from the Harris County Early Childhood Impact Fund to implement promising or evidence-based early childhood initiatives over a two-to-three year funding period. Selected programs and interventions will be those with the greatest potential to:



Dramatically improve early childhood and family outcomes,



Eliminate or reduce racial, ethnic, and income disparities in early childhood health and development, and



Generate new evidence about how to meet the specific needs of infants, toddlers, and their families in Harris County.

Recipients of program funding will be required to work with a third-party evaluator, which will conduct a rigorous impact evaluation of the funded initiatives throughout the funding period, including possibly through randomized control trials.

Proposal Deadline:

February 1, 2021

Visit bids.hctx.net/bs0 and click Open Bids to find detailed RFP information.

areas of interest

Early childhood initiative topics of interest include but are not limited to:

- Nurturing and responsive parent-child relationships
- Sufficient household resources/supports for caregiving
- Nurturing and responsive childcare in safe settings
- Healthy and equitable maternal and birth outcomes
- Reduction in adverse childhood experiences
- Optimal childhood health/development
- Attachment, executive functioning, and language development
- Parental health and emotional wellbeing
- Access to needed services
- Other early childhood education initiatives
- Parents' ability to both work and provide quality childcare



proposal requirements

Key components of the RFP include the following:

- Program description and evidentiary basis
- Problem the program or intervention seeks to address
- Theory of change, including target outcomes, approach, target population
- Supporting data and information to describe likely demand for proposed program or intervention
- Timeline and implementation plan for program or intervention
- Organizational information and project team
- Funding amount requested and proposed budget from \$0 to \$10 million
- Approximate number of families and children the program or intervention will serve
- Capabilities and relevant past experience in providing early childhood programs and services

evaluation criteria

Proposals will be reviewed by an evaluation committee based on the following criteria:

- Potential of initiative to improve early childhood and family outcomes and generate new evidence
- Ability of vendor to articulate key outcomes and a strong basis for the proposed early childhood initiative
- Vendor's relevant experience implementing early childhood programs or interventions
- Potential cost effectiveness of initiative relative to services provided and corresponding outcomes

Proposals focused on the prenatal to age three range and centered around **equity and/or social determinants** of health are of primary interest.

how to apply

For full proposal information visit bids.hctx.net/bsa and click Open Bids. We strongly encourage all interested parties to register and download the proposal at Harris County BuySpeed Online to receive any addenda to the RFP.

Return proposal to Harris County Purchasing by **2pm (CT) on February 1, 2021.**

timeline

October 30, 2020.....RFPs released
November 17, 2020.....Info Session
January 8, 2021.....Deadline for Questions
February 1, 2021.....Deadline for Proposals
March 2021.....Awards announced

questions?

Information Session

An RFP info session will be held on November 17, 2020 at 2:00 pm. [Register here](#) in advance.

Submit Questions

Submit additional questions to Sandra Melancon at Sandra.Melancon@pur.hctx.net by January 8, 2021. All questions submitted in writing prior to the deadline will be compiled, answered, and shared with all potential RFP respondents.

